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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Confirmation No.: 8161  
Aki NAGANO Art Unit: 3627  
Application No. 09/606,211 Examiner: F. Zeender  
Filed: June 29, 2000 Attorney Docket No: 108131-00000  
For: TRANSACTION MANAGING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM STORING TRANSACTION MANAGING PROGRAM THEREIN

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005. In the prosecution of the application identified above, please consider the following:

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